

tion it separately. It has to do with the informing of ourselves along the several lines of missionary effort. It is a shame, in our day, to be ignorant of the spiritual needs of this great world about us. Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Islands of the Sea, and indeed some sections of our own America, close to our homes, send up a piteous cry for help. If God does not send us to these neglected places personally, he will consecrate and send our contribution.

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As I have never written anything for your highly esteemed paper, and since we are now working in the mission field of the Brethren church, and as our dear brother and sister W. M. Lyon will be absent for some time, I feel it incumbent upon me to say a word for the cause. We are looking, waiting, watching and praying that when the General Conference meets that it will be enthused with a pentecostal enthusiasm for the general mission work of the church. You will remember that of old the Jews thought the apostles drunk on the day of pentecost, the glorious day when with the sound of a rushing mighty wind, the tongues of fire flickered on the heads of the fisher preachers; but Peter knew otherwise. It was enthusiasm that loosed their tongues and revealed to them that the Comforter was indeed come. The Christian church was born of the spirit in the lap of enthusiasm, then why should the child turn its back upon its foster-mother.

We often hear that revivals produce no permanent good, that they are seasons of excitement quickly over, and that then the point is lost. Of course it is; it would be very strange if it were not. Frost kills fruit and the sudden change from the summer enthusiasm to the frost of ordinary preaching will naturally kill the fruit. Never let enthusiasm desert our church in our prayer meetings or Sabbath school. It will keep up a constant revival among us lasting as the fire that the Vestal Virgins kept burning for hundreds of years in ancient Rome.

Enthusiasm always makes religion more than a mere rule of life, a living, divine principle, full of joy and nerved to constant missionary energy. To the man without enthusiasm there is no beauty in Christ. He sees only the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief teaching a deaf and untoward generation. To him Calvary is the end of all, and the vinegar sponge a fitting type of the life-dranght which that gentle nature had to drink.

Not that we lack so much in this that I write for our own special benefit, but

that others may consider the remarks on the subject and be revived in their work for the Master. We as a little band are not discouraged but are fighting for the mastery. We are encouraged to know some of our brethren will be at the conference where they can state more than I can write in regard to the work here. We are also encouraged to know the Lord is with us in this work. He said to Paul at Corinth "I have much people in this city."

Yours Fraternally,

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#### Our Chicago Letter.

Brother McFaden is very sick this week so is not able to write "Our Chicago Letter." Took his bed Monday morning. Is very weak this A. M., Aug. 5. Last evening he seemed a little better but is not so well to-day. Although he was not able to do it, he preached twice last Sunday and conducted our Sunday-school. There were 93 present at our new school. Baptized a young lady Sunday night. Had a full house and good interest. Good meetings both in tent and mission so far this week.

Who will help the suffering ones that come to us and ask for bread, especially little children and poor weak mothers. We have had so many calls for help. A little girl comes. Her father and mother are both sick. "Have you anything for my mamma? She has no bread for us." We had no flour nor any pennies to buy bread. A little boy asks for bread. Mother begs bread for her babies (3 of them.) She can't get work, only now and then. I might mention more. Our hands are empty now. Who will help us to give the bread or the flour to make it? A box or so would be much appreciated and God will bless the givers.

July 14, we were called to pay the last sad rite to a beloved sister. Irena A. Farr, mother of brother Will Farr. They had a pleasant little home together. She had been a great sufferer in her life-time, but Christ was her strength and they who knew her loved her. She was so patient and loving. At 7 P. M., July 14, she fell asleep in Jesus. On the 16th inst. she was laid to rest in Forest Home cemetery. The son, with mother, sisters and brothers, are left to mourn one they loved. We loved her, but Jesus loved her better.

SADIE GIBBONS.

Let us take time to get acquainted with Christ. The hour is coming swiftly, for us all, when one touches his hand in the darkness will mean more than all that is written in the day-book or ledger, or in the records of our little social world.

## Our Bible School.

### PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

PSALM 91.

Subject:—"A Dweller with God."

I. First 13 verses spoken by the Psalmist. Last 3 verses, the words of the Lord. To "abide under the shadow of the Almighty" means to make the Lord our "refuge," "fortress," "God," and the one in whom we trust. See verse 2.

II. *Results of a Life Hid with Christ in God:*

a. (v. 1) Lodging in the protection of the Almighty. John 10:29.

b. (v. 3) Deliverance from the snares of Satan and his injuries. I Cor. 10:13.

c. (v. 4) Protection and trust under God's wings of mercy.

d. (v. 4) Defense by God's truth. II Cor. 13:8; John 8:32.

e. (v. 5) Fearlessness in the presence of dangers both physical and spiritual in both day and night. Ps. 74:16; Heb. 13:5.

f. (v. 7) Safety, when others fall who are not trusting God. Ps. 37:35, 36.

g. (v. 10) Guardianship of the angels. Heb. 1:14. Verses 11 and 12 were used by the devil in tempting Christ.

h. Immunity from evils and plagues. Rom. 8:28. Cause: (v. 10) He made the Lord his habitation. John 15:7.

i. (v. 13) Power over ravenous beasts and poisonous reptiles. Mark 16:18; Acts 28:36.

j. Deliverance, in return for love set on God.

k. Exaltation, in return for knowledge of God's name. Jas. 4:10.

l. Answer to prayer.

m. God's presence in trouble.

n. Honour. I Sam. 2:30; John 12:26.

o. Long life. Is. 65:20.

p. Salvation.

Thus the Lord does sixteen different things of blessing in return for our love and devotion. Yet some people will ask if God loves his creatures!

Select your favorite verse in this Psalm.

### THE TRUE SPIRIT OF BIBLE STUDY.

1. The spirit of implicit *faith*, recognizing it as the word of God, who is himself the truth.

2. The spirit of *self-appropriation*, accepting it as the word of God to me. He speaks to each soul in the Bible as though that soul were alone in the universe.

3. The spirit of *cordial assent* to all that it teaches, whether the truth be clear or obscure to the understanding, palatable or unpalatable to the moral taste.

4. The spirit of *profound reverence* for